

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4-28, 29, and 32-35 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 4, 5 and 29 are amended, and claims 2, 3, 30 and 31 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge the indication on page 9 of the January 28, 2005 Office Action that claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 31, and 33-35 recite allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable features of claim 3 and the features of the intervening claim 2. Claim 29 is amended to include the allowable features of claim 31 and the features of intervening claim 30. Consequently, claims 1, 29 and dependent claims 5-28, which depend from claim 1, and dependent claims 32-35, which depend from claim 29, are allowable.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. REPLY TO REJECTIONS

On pages 3-9 of the January 28, 2005 Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5-11, 14-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,520,568 to White et al. (hereinafter “White”); claims 1, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,261,628 to Kesling (hereinafter “Kesling”); claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over White, in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,674,295 to Padovani (hereinafter “Padovani”); and claims 29, 30 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over White, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,062,668 to Onderka et al. (hereinafter “Onderka”).

As discussed above, independent claims 1 and 29 recite allowable features. Consequently, independent claim 1, 29, as well as dependent claims 4-28, which depend from claim 1, and dependent claims 32-35, which depend from claim 29 are all allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Seth S. Kim, at the telephone number listed below. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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